

related disciplines, practicing within the scope of their training and experience. They are currently licensed in 40 States and the District of Columbia.

I want to congratulate the American Mental Health Counselors Association on their designation of April 30 to May 6, 1995 as "National Mental Health Counseling Week," and urge each and every American to seek the assistance of a qualified mental health counselor when needed. After all, our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 831. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

At 4:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-707. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 50; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-708. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the calendar year 1994 report of the Agency's activities under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-709. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1994 report relative to the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-710. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1993 annual report relative to veterans employment and training; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-711. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to rescissions submitted by the President of the United States on February 6, 1995; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and to the Committee on Small Business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina relative to tobacco; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"RESOLUTION NO. 10

"Whereas, The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program to help low-income families pay their heating bills; and

"Whereas, Eligibility for the program is set at 135% of poverty level (maximum income of \$19,900 for a family of four) and LIHEAP reaches fewer than one-half of the eligible households in Pennsylvania; and

"Whereas, Persons can receive one LIHEAP I grant a year and crisis payments to a maximum amount of \$250 for emergency situations with the average LIHEAP I grant being \$167 and average crisis grant amounting to \$231; and

"Whereas, LIHEAP serves Pennsylvania citizens with great needs. Thirty-two percent of the persons receiving aid are Social Security recipients, 26% are welfare recipients, 20% are working poor, 11% are supplemental

security income recipients and 3% receive unemployment benefits; and

"Whereas, Due to funding reductions, the program is no longer available during times of greatest need, thereby exacerbating health and safety needs; and

"Whereas, For example, the average LIHEAP grant assisted the neediest gas utility customers with 40.6% of their gas bills in 1985, but only provided assistance for 17.4% of the gas bills in 1994, one of the worst winters in the history of the country; and

"Whereas, This heating season, 1994-1995, the Federal appropriation for LIHEAP in Pennsylvania is 87.9 million dollars, the lowest in the history of the program; and

"Whereas, Sources of funds used by states to supplement LIHEAP such as the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund (ECAAF) will be exhausted in 1995; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States to maintain the 1994-1995 funding levels for LIHEAP and to refrain from any further reductions; and be it further

"Resolved, That Congress is urged to reject any proposal to reduce LIHEAP funding; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania."

POM-89. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 335

"Whereas, the Personal Responsibility Act, a bill introduced in the United States Congress, includes provisions that would consolidate all nutrition programs into block grants to the states with funding reduced to 95 percent of their Fiscal Year 1995 appropriation level; and

"Whereas, this block grant would include the food stamp program, the school lunch program, the Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC), and the Senior Nutrition components of the Older Americans Act; and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Program has two service components: (1) meals at congregate sites as the base for a comprehensive program of wellness and recreation activities, educational programs and access to other services, and (2) home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels); and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Programs are a fundamental part of a comprehensive service system aimed at keeping older people at home, supporting family caregivers, and avoiding unnecessary and costly institutionalization; and

"Whereas, although the current program is not means-tested, it does serve those with the greatest economic need and maintains the dignity of participants by providing mechanisms for participants to contribute according to their ability to pay; and

"Whereas, Senior Nutrition Programs have been long established in the community and are supported through a vast network of volunteers of all ages and through case and in-kind support from the private sector; and

"Whereas, Senior Nutrition Programs are time-tested, successful examples of low cost, locally managed programs; and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Program is consumer focused and has broad community support due to its flexibility and its role as point-of-contact and link to the broader aging services system; now, therefore, be it